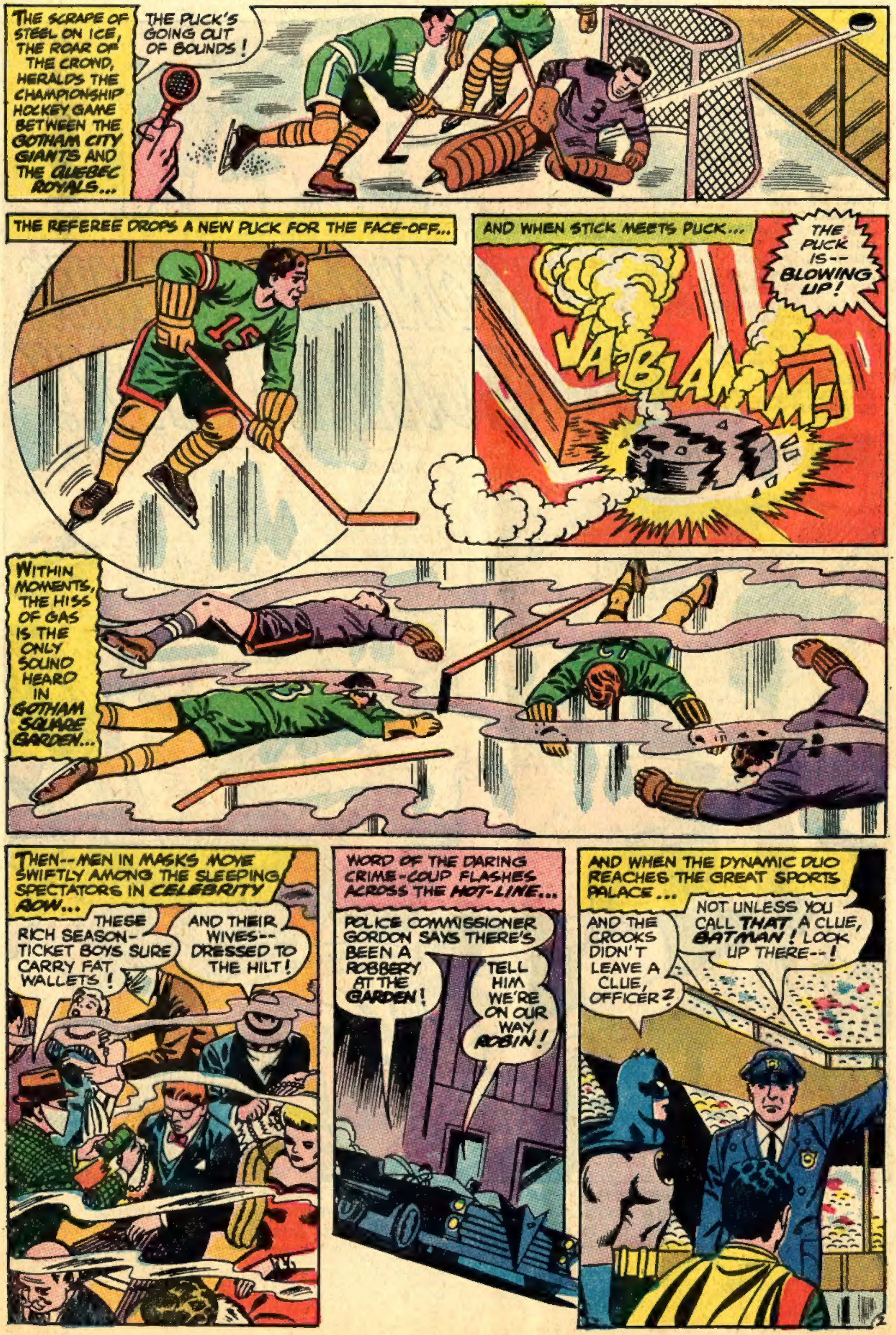
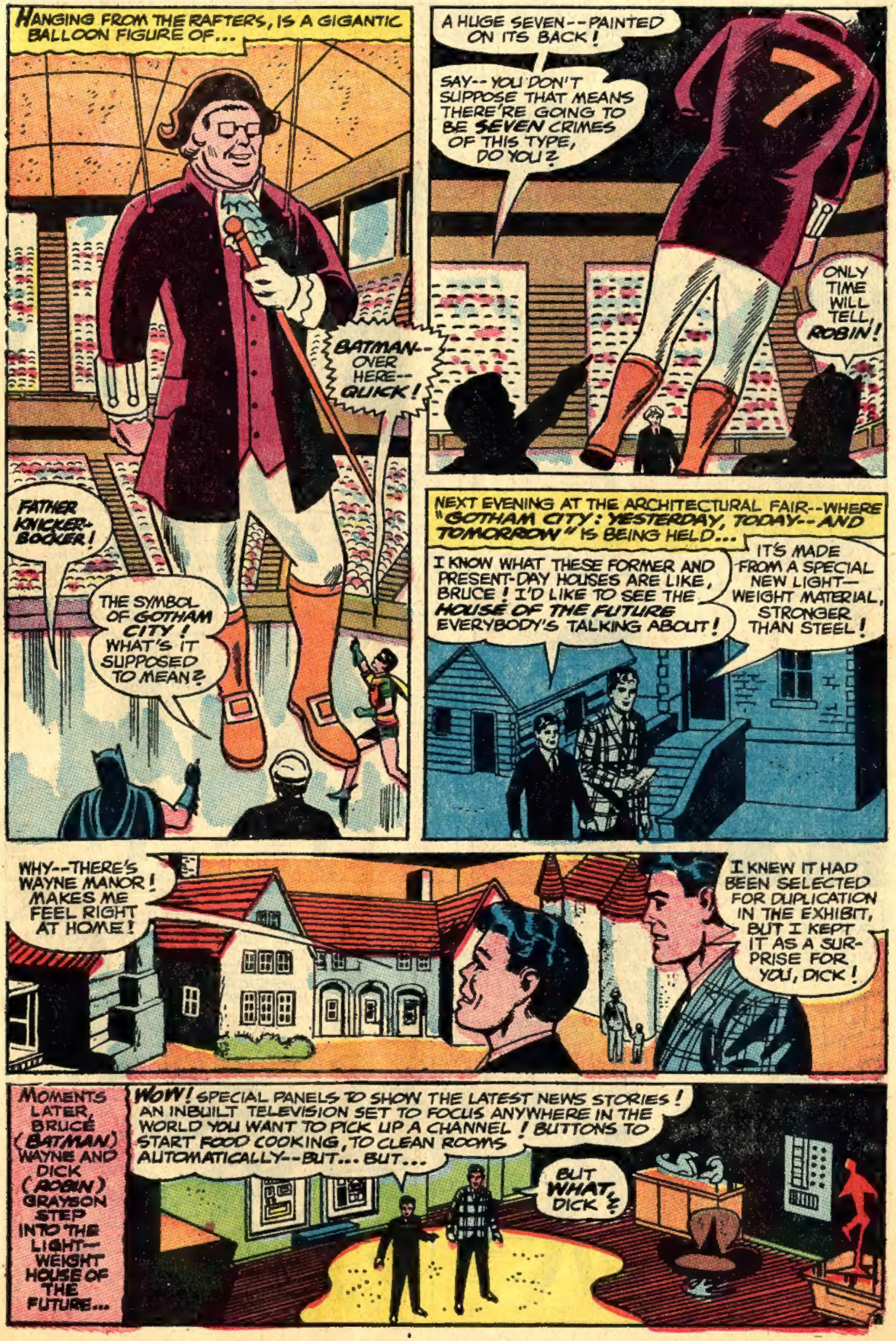


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7 WONDER CRIMES of GOTHAM CITY!



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THE SCRAPE OF STEEL ON ICE, THE ROAR OF THE CROWD, HERALDS THE CHAMPIONSHIP HOCKEY GAME BETWEEN THE GOTHAM CITY GIANTS AND THE QUEBEC ROYALS...
THE PUCK'S GOING OUT OF BOUNDS!
THE REFEREE DROPS A NEW PUCK FOR THE FACE-OFF...
AND WHEN STICK MEETS PUCK...
THE PUCK IS-- BLOWING UP!
VA-BLAMM!
WITHIN MOMENTS, THE HISS OF GAS IS THE ONLY SOUND HEARD IN GOTHAM SQUARE GARDEN...
THEN--MEN IN MASKS MOVE SWIFTLY AMONG THE SLEEPING SPECTATORS IN CELEBRITY ROW...
THESE RICH SEASON-TICKET BOYS SURE CARRY FAT WALLETS!
AND THEIR WIVES--DRESSED TO THE HILT!
WORD OF THE DARING CRIME-COUP FLASHES ACROSS THE HOT-LINE...
POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON SAYS THERE'S BEEN A ROBBERY AT THE GARDEN!
TELL HIM WE'RE ON OUR WAY, ROBIN!
AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO REACHES THE GREAT SPORTS PALACE...
AND THE CROOKS DIDN'T LEAVE A CLUE, OFFICER?
NOT UNLESS YOU CALL THAT A CLUE, BATMAN! LOOK UP THERE--!


HANGING FROM THE RAFTERS, IS A GIGANTIC BALLOON FIGURE OF...
BATMAN-- OVER HERE-- QUICK!
FATHER KNICKER-BOCKER!
THE SYMBOL OF GOTHAM CITY! WHAT'S IT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
A HUGE SEVEN--PAINTED ON ITS BACK!
SAY--YOU DON'T SUPPOSE THAT MEANS THERE'RE GOING TO BE SEVEN CRIMES OF THIS TYPE, DO YOU?
ONLY TIME WILL TELL, ROBIN!
NEXT EVENING AT THE ARCHITECTURAL FAIR--WHERE "GOTHAM CITY: YESTERDAY, TODAY--AND TOMORROW" IS BEING HELD...
I KNOW WHAT THESE FORMER AND PRESENT-DAY HOUSES ARE LIKE, BRUCE! I'D LIKE TO SEE THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT!
IT'S MADE FROM A SPECIAL NEW LIGHT-WEIGHT MATERIAL, STRONGER THAN STEEL!
WHY--THERE'S WAYNE MANOR! MAKES ME FEEL RIGHT AT HOME!
I KNEW IT HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR DUPLICATION IN THE EXHIBIT, BUT I KEPT IT AS A SURPRISE FOR YOU, DICK!
MOMENTS LATER, BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE AND DICK (ROBIN) GRAYSON STEP INTO THE LIGHT-WEIGHT HOUSE OF THE FUTURE...
WOW! SPECIAL PANELS TO SHOW THE LATEST NEWS STORIES! AN INBUILT TELEVISION SET TO FOCUS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD YOU WANT TO PICK UP A CHANNEL! BUTTONS TO START FOOD COOKING, TO CLEAN ROOMS AUTOMATICALLY--BUT... BUT...
BUT WHAT, DICK?


THERE ISN'T A SINGLE LAMP OR LIGHT BULB ANYWHERE IN THE ROOM! THEY FORGOT TO PUT IN THE LIGHTS!
NO, THEY DIDN'T, DICK! JUST PRESS THAT BUTTON CONTROL ON THE WALL!
AS DICK'S FOREFINGER TOUCHES THE BUTTON, THE WALLS BEGIN TO GLOW...
TERRIFIC! NO LIGHT BULBS TO CHANGE, NOTHING TO SHORT-CIRCUIT, NO FUSES TO BLOW OUT!
IT'S CALLED AMBIENT LUMINESCENCE, DICK!
BRIGHTER GLOW THOSE WALLS--BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER UNTIL THEY BLAZE WITH BLINDING INCANDESCENCE...
HEY! THOSE WALLS ARE SO BRILLIANT--THEY'RE AFFECTING MY EYES! I--CAN'T--SEE!
SOMETHING'S WRONG, DICK! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE..FAST!
HEADS DOWN--ARMS UP TO PROTECT THEIR EYES--MAN AND BOY ARE GUIDED BY THEIR FAULTLESS MEMORIES TOWARD "WAYNE MANOR"..
I HEAR SOUNDS OF SCUFFLING, BRUCE--AS IF MEN WERE FIGHTING SOMEWHERE NEAR HERE!
SO DO I! I HAVE THE FEELING--THE INTENSE LIGHT THAT'S COMING FROM THAT "LIGHT HOUSE" IS SHINING THAT WAY SO SOMEBODY CAN ROB THIS DISPLAY BLIND!!
WE'LL GET INTO OUR COSTUMES, HUH? NOBODY WILL SEE US CHANGE...
SOME CROOKS MAY--IF THERE ARE CROOKS AROUND, AS I SUSPECT! THEY MUST BE ABLE TO SEE WITH SPECIAL GOGGLES--SO WE'LL CHOOSE AN UPSTAIRS CLOSET TO MAKE OUR CHANGE!
WHEN THE CHANGE-OVER IS MADE...
BATMAN--WE STILL CAN'T SEE! THE LIGHT IS TOO BLINDING! IT'S EVERYWHERE, LIKE THE GLARE OF SUNLIGHT ON ICE OR SNOW!
EXACTLY! SO WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?
WE MAKE SNOW GOGGLES!
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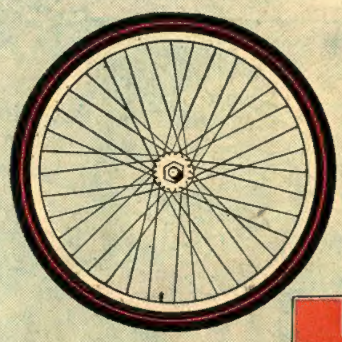
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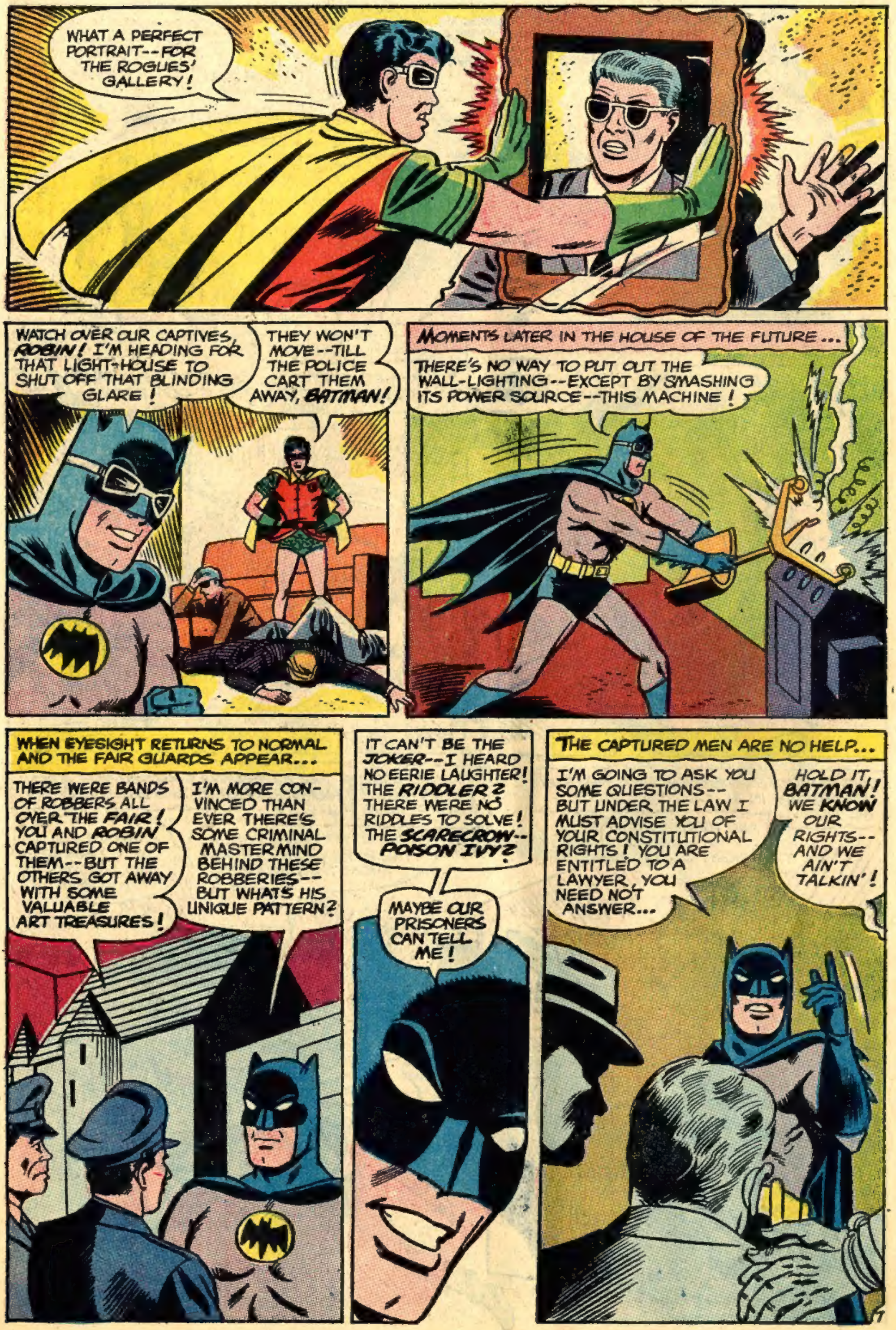
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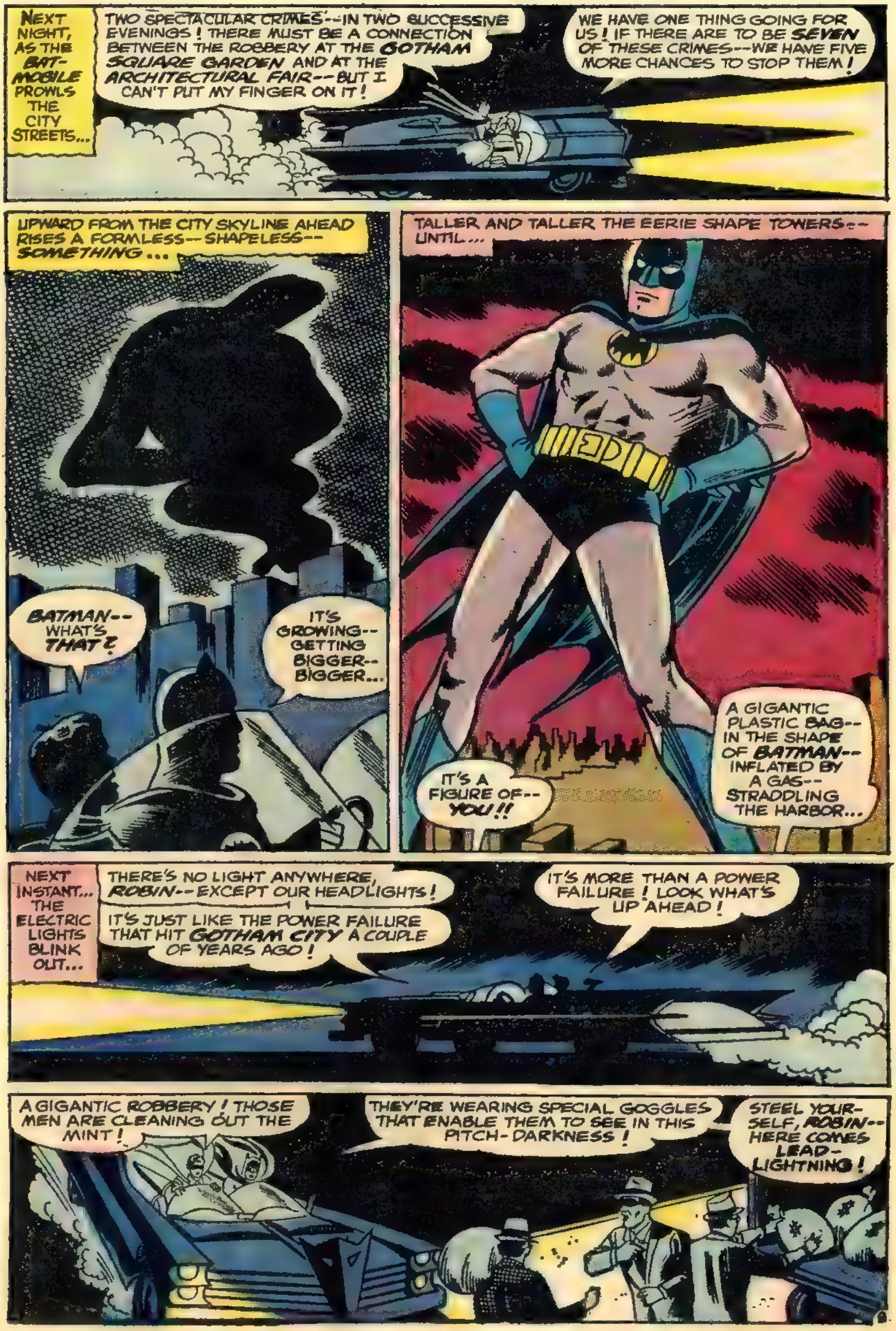


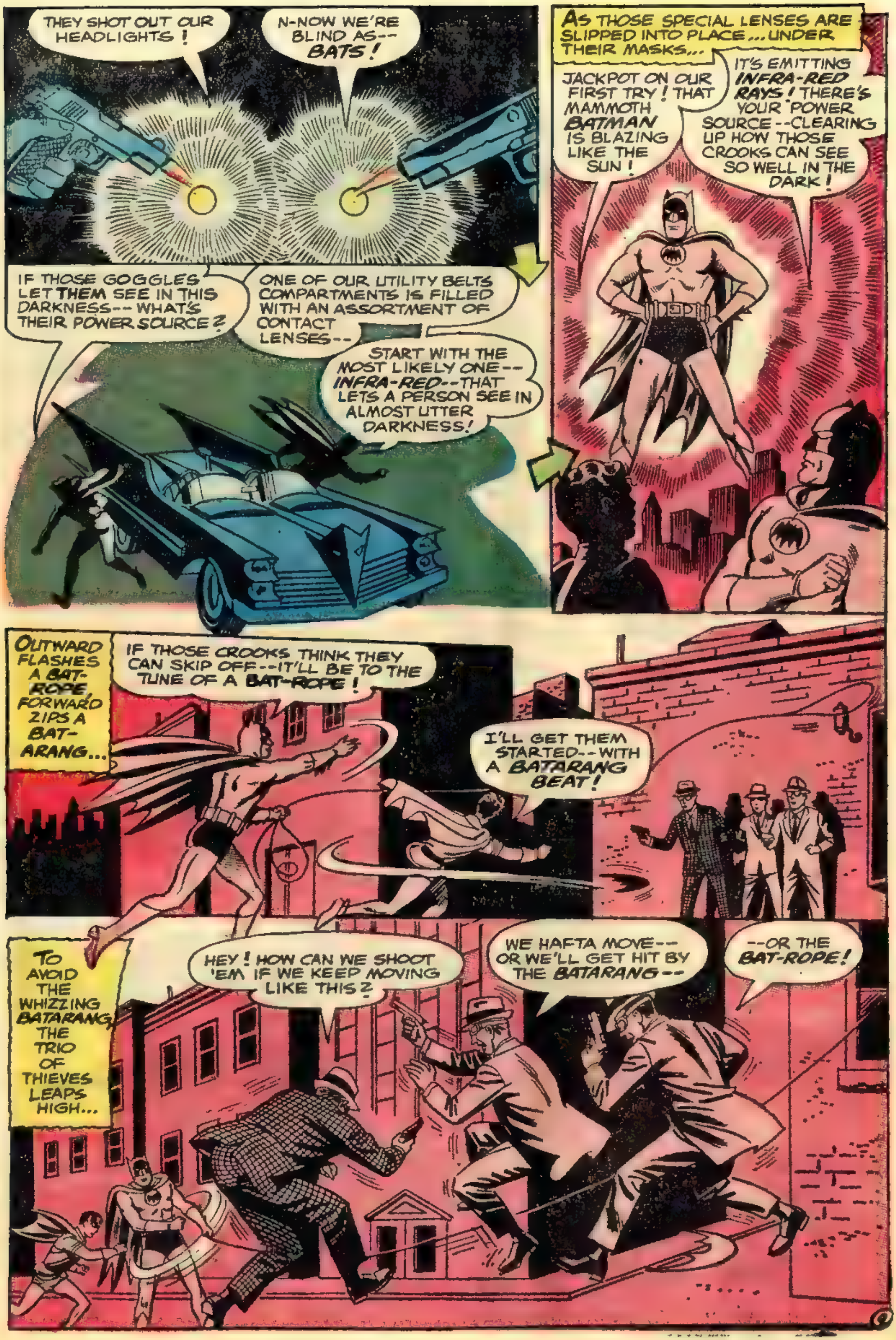
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USING THE DESIGN THAT'S SCIENTIFICALLY SLOTTED TO PERMIT FULL VISION, YET KEEP OUT GLARE!
APPLYING THE SHOE POLISH, THE DYNAMIC DUO DON THEIR GLARE GOGGLES...
IT'S WORKING! MY EYESIGHT'S COMING BACK...
THIS GOGGLE DESIGN HAS BEEN WORKED OUT BY OPTICAL EXPERTS!
THEIR KEEN EARS PICK UP THE SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS IN THE LIVING ROOM BELOW! WHEN THEY COME SLAMMING IN, THEY ARE ABLE TO SEE DIMLY THAT...
THERE THEY ARE--STEALING THE ORIGINAL MODIGLIANIS MY FATHER BOUGHT IN PARIS!
BRUCE WAYNE LOANED THEM TO THE DISPLAY--BUT NOT TO BE STOLEN!
BATMAN'S FIRST MOVE--TO SLAM A DIVAN ACROSS THE ROOM...
THAT OUGHT TO UPSET THEM AND THEIR CROOKED PLANS!
WE'D BETTER WHIP OUT OUR GUNS--!
BATMAN'S NEXT MOVE--TO LEAPFROG OVER THE DIVAN AND...
NO SHOOTING, BOYS! BULLETS ARE OFF LIMITS!
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BOP!!
THIS'LL TAKE YOU OUT OF THE ACTION!
HIS FEET HIT THE FLOOR JUST AS...
I'VE GOT YOU PINNED IN MY SIGHTS, BATMAN!
--NOW YOU DON'T!
MY HEELS HIT THE CARPET AT JUST THE RIGHT ANGLE TO YANK IT OUT FROM UNDER YOU!
THE MASKED MANHUNTER WHEELS AND DEALS IN ALMOST THE SAME MOTION...
AND HERE'S MY RIGHT FIST--TO DO THE RIGHT JOB!
TO ONE SIDE OF THE COWLED CRUSADER, THE TEEN-AGE THUNDERBOLT HAS BEEN BUSY IN FIST-FLYING FURY...
THANKS FOR REMOVING THE EXPENSIVE CANVAS FROM THAT FRAME...
IT ENABLED ME TO FRAME YOU IN MY SIGHTS!


WHAT A PERFECT PORTRAIT--FOR THE ROGUES' GALLERY!
WATCH OVER OUR CAPTIVES, ROBIN! I'M HEADING FOR THAT LIGHT-HOUSE TO SHUT OFF THAT BLINDING GLARE!
THEY WON'T MOVE--TILL THE POLICE CART THEM AWAY, BATMAN!
MOMENTS LATER IN THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE...
THERE'S NO WAY TO PUT OUT THE WALL-LIGHTING--EXCEPT BY SMASHING ITS POWER SOURCE--THIS MACHINE!
WHEN EYESIGHT RETURNS TO NORMAL AND THE FAIR GUARDS APPEAR...
THERE WERE BANDS OF ROBBERS ALL OVER THE FAIR! YOU AND ROBIN CAPTURED ONE OF THEM--BUT THE OTHERS GOT AWAY WITH SOME VALUABLE ART TREASURES!
I'M MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER THERE'S SOME CRIMINAL MASTERMIND BEHIND THESE ROBBERIES--BUT WHAT'S HIS UNIQUE PATTERN?
IT CAN'T BE THE JOKER--I HEARD NO EERIE LAUGHTER! THE RIDDLER? THERE WERE NO RIDDLES TO SOLVE! THE SCARECROW--POISON IVY?
MAYBE OUR PRISONERS CAN TELL ME!
THE CAPTURED MEN ARE NO HELP...
I'M GOING TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS--BUT UNDER THE LAW I MUST ADVISE YOU OF YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS! YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A LAWYER, YOU NEED NOT ANSWER...
HOLD IT, BATMAN! WE KNOW OUR RIGHTS--AND WE AIN'T TALKIN'!
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NEXT NIGHT, AS THE BATMOBILE PROWLS THE CITY STREETS...
TWO SPECTACULAR CRIMES--IN TWO SUCCESSIVE EVENINGS! THERE MUST BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ROBBERY AT THE GOTHAM SQUARE GARDEN AND AT THE ARCHITECTURAL FAIR--BUT I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT!
WE HAVE ONE THING GOING FOR US! IF THERE ARE TO BE SEVEN OF THESE CRIMES--WE HAVE FIVE MORE CHANCES TO STOP THEM!
UPWARD FROM THE CITY SKYLINE AHEAD RISES A FORMLESS--SHAPELESS--SOMETHING...
BATMAN--WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S GROWING--GETTING BIGGER--BIGGER...
TALLER AND TALLER THE EERIE SHAPE TOWERS--UNTIL...
IT'S A FIGURE OF--YOU!!
A GIGANTIC PLASTIC BAG--IN THE SHAPE OF BATMAN--INFLATED BY A GAS--STRADDLING THE HARBOR...
NEXT INSTANT... THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS BLINK OUT...
THERE'S NO LIGHT ANYWHERE, ROBIN--EXCEPT OUR HEADLIGHTS!
IT'S JUST LIKE THE POWER FAILURE THAT HIT GOTHAM CITY A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO!
IT'S MORE THAN A POWER FAILURE! LOOK WHAT'S UP AHEAD!
A GIGANTIC ROBBERY! THOSE MEN ARE CLEANING OUT THE MINT!
THEY'RE WEARING SPECIAL GOGGLES THAT ENABLE THEM TO SEE IN THIS PITCH-DARKNESS!
STEEL YOURSELF, ROBIN--HERE COMES LEAD-LIGHTNING!


THEY SHOT OUT OUR HEADLIGHTS!
N-NOW WE'RE BLIND AS-- BATS!
IF THOSE GOGGLES LET THEM SEE IN THIS DARKNESS-- WHAT'S THEIR POWER SOURCE?
ONE OF OUR UTILITY BELTS COMPARTMENTS IS FILLED WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF CONTACT LENSES--
START WITH THE MOST LIKELY ONE-- INFRA-RED--THAT LETS A PERSON SEE IN ALMOST UTTER DARKNESS!
AS THOSE SPECIAL LENSES ARE SLIPPED INTO PLACE... UNDER THEIR MASKS...
JACKPOT ON OUR FIRST TRY! THAT MAMMOTH BATMAN IS BLAZING LIKE THE SUN!
IT'S EMITTING INFRA-RED RAYS! THERE'S YOUR POWER SOURCE--CLEARING UP HOW THOSE CROOKS CAN SEE SO WELL IN THE DARK!
OUTWARD FLASHES A BAT-ROPE, FORWARD ZIPS A BAT-ARANG...
IF THOSE CROOKS THINK THEY CAN SKIP OFF--IT'LL BE TO THE TUNE OF A BAT-ROPE!
I'LL GET THEM STARTED--WITH A BATARANG BEAT!
TO AVOID THE WHIZZING BATARANG, THE TRIO OF THIEVES LEAPS HIGH...
HEY! HOW CAN WE SHOOT 'EM IF WE KEEP MOVING LIKE THIS?
WE HAFTA MOVE-- OR WE'LL GET HIT BY THE BATARANG--
--OR THE BAT-ROPE!
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AS BATMAN STARTS SWINGING THE BAT-ROPE, THE CROOKS KEEP JUMPING...
FIRST ONE THAT MISSES--GETS MY FIST AS A PRIZE...
EEEYAH--GOT MY FEET TANGLED UP!
AND HERE'S THE WINNER!
AND HERE'S WHERE ROBIN ENDS UP AS A DEAD LOSER!
THE MASKED MANHUNTER LEAPS LIKE AN ANGRY CAT AND...
PARDON MY SHOVE, ROBIN--
BUT I HAD TO GET THAT GUNMAN TO FIRE AT EMPTY AIR!
TWISTING IN MID-AIR, THE STEEL-THEWED LEGS OF THE CAPED CRUSADER LOCK IN A BREATH-SQUEEZING SCISSORS GRIP...
ONE HOOD GOING UP!
AND WHATEVER GOES UP--
--MUST GO DOWN!
KA-PLUNK
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WELL, WE CAUGHT THREE MORE OF 'EM, ANYHOW!
YES--BUT I'VE A FEELING THERE WERE OTHERS WHO GOT AWAY WITH OTHER LOOT!
AND STILL NO PATTERN TO THESE SPECTACULAR CRIMES THAT I CAN SEE!
LATER, IN THE BATCAVE, AFTER THE BALLOON-BATMAN HAS BEEN DEFLATED--AND THE LIGHTS GO ON AGAIN IN GOTHAM CITY...
THREE CRIMES SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO ADD UP TO SOME SORT OF COMMON DENOMINATOR...
LET'S SUM UP WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR...
✓GOTHAM GARDEN + HANGING FATHER KNICKERBOCKER
✓ARCHITECTURAL FAIR + A LIGHT-WEIGHT HOUSE
✓A COLOSSAL BATMAN THAT GLOWS
ROBIN--THAT "COLOSSAL BATMAN" RINGS A BELL!
IT STRADDLED GOTHAM HARBOR--JUST LIKE THE COLOSSUS OF RHODES!
AND THE COLOSSUS OF RHODES WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD!
IT'S CLEARING UP NOW! THE HANGING FIGURE AT THE GARDEN--EQUALS THE HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON, ANOTHER ANCIENT WONDER!
THAT TIES IN WITH THAT FIGURE SEVEN ON THE BACK OF FATHER KNICKERBOCKER!
FINALLY--THE "LIGHT-HOUSE" AT THE FAIR--CORRESPONDS TO THE LIGHTHOUSE OF PHAROS, STILL ANOTHER WONDER!
OUR MYSTERIOUS MASTERMIND IS COMMITTING SEVEN WONDER CRIMES IN GOTHAM CITY, PATTERNED AFTER THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD!
NOW IF WE CAN ONLY DOPE OUT WHAT THE NEXT WONDER CRIME WILL BE, WE COULD BE ON HAND TO NAB HIM!



I REMEMBER READING THAT THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DIAMOND -- THE JUGGERNAUT -- WILL BE ON DISPLAY TOMORROW AT THE JEWELRY TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS...
ARTEMIS -- THE GREEK WORD FOR THE ROMAN GODDESS DIANA--
AND THE TEMPLE OF DIANA WAS ANOTHER OF THE ANCIENT WONDERS! ROBIN -- WE'RE IN BUSINESS!
THE FOLLOWING EVENING, IN AN INNER OFFICE OF THE JEWELRY TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS...
I'M GETTING FIDGETY! OUR CLOSED TV SET-UP ENABLES US TO WATCH THE JUGGERNAUT DIAMOND IN THE MAIN SALON -- BUT NOTHING SPECTACULAR IS HAP--
HOLD IT, ROBIN. THE DIAMOND'S "TALKING"!
NO ONE MOVE! EVERYBODY -- STAY MOTIONLESS...
SO! ONE OF YOU DID MOVE! VERY WELL -- NOW MY BEAM WILL KEEP YOU ALL ROOTED TO THE SPOT!
WHILE IN THE INNER OFFICE...
LET'S GO, ROBIN! AND FROM THE WAY THAT CRYSTAL GOBLET BROKE --
IT MEANS THE MASTERMIND USED A SONIC BEAM TO PARALYZE THE PEOPLE IN THE MAIN SALON -- SO WE'RE TO INSERT EAR-PLUGS FROM OUR UTILITY BELTS TO PREVENT ITS HAPPENING TO US!
AS I DASHED IN HERE, I KEPT MY EYES PEELED FOR SOMEONE IN THE CROWD WHO'D TURN TO LOOK AT ME -- WHICH THIS ONE DID!
HE'S THE MASTERMIND WEARING EAR-PLUGS -- AND USING VENTRILOQUISM TO MAKE IT SEEM THE DIAMOND SPOKE!
SIX CROOKS HERE -- TO HELP THEMSELVES TO ALL THIS LOOT!
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A BODY BLOCK-- FOR A COUPLE OF BLOCKHEADS!
I'M DOWN-- BUT THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE GOING-- OUT!
TOO BAD I'M WEARING EAR-PLUGS! THOSE CROOKS' CRASHING SOUNDS WOULD MAKE SWEET MUSIC TO MY EARS!
KLOMP
LET US NOW PAN OVER TO BATMAN, WHO HAVING KAYOED TWO MORE OF THE GANG...
NABBED THE LAST TWO FROM BEHIND--
WHEN THESE TWO END UP IN JAIL, THEY'LL BE SOREHEADS-- PHYSICALLY AS WELL AS MENTALLY!
KRACCK!



AND WHEN THE SONIC PARALYSIS BEAM IS SHUT OFF, AND THE EAR-PLUGS REMOVED FROM THE MASTERMIND THIEF...
YOUR SEVEN WONDER CRIMES OF GOTHAM CITY CAPER HAS BEEN CANCELED...
ONLY FOR AWHILE, BATMAN!
SOMEDAY--AND SOONER THAN YOU EXPECT--I'LL BE OUT OF PRISON AND MAKING HISTORY AS THE THIEF WHO COMMITTED THE SEVEN WONDER CRIMES OF THE MODERN WORLD!
IN THE BAT-CAVE, AFTER THE LOOT HAS BEEN RE-COVERED AND RE-TURNED...
WHAT AN EGOTIST! IMAGINE BOASTING HE'LL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE GREATEST THIEF OF ALL TIME!
IF I MAY SAY SO, MASTER DICK, THAT'S AS IMPOSSIBLE A SITUATION AS AN IMMOVABLE OBJECT CO-EXISTING WITH AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE!
SINCE HISTORY WILL RECORD BATMAN AND ROBIN AS THE GREATEST OF ALL CRIMINAL-CATCHERS--THAT BANDIT-BRAGGART WILL NEVER ACHIEVE HIS OBJECTIVE!
THE END
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SEE ALL THE NEW
SATURDAY'S SUPER HEROES
SHAZZAN! 10-10:30 AM. WHAT EXCITEMENT! HIS NAME IS SHAZZAN AND DOES HE HAVE INCREDIBLE POWERS CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE MOST FANTASTIC FEATS OF MAGIC! YOU'LL SEE THIS GENIE FROM THE ARABIAN NIGHTS PERFORM ALONG WITH CHUCK, NANCY AND KABOOBIE THE FLYING CAMEL, IN THE GREATEST ACTION SERIES EVER!
THE SUPERMAN-AQUAMAN HOUR OF ADVENTURE: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. WHAT ACTION AND EXCITEMENT WHEN SUPERMAN AND SUPERBOY ARE JOINED BY AQUAMAN THE KING OF THE SEVEN SEAS. HE'S HERE WITH AQUALAD, AND TUSKY THE WALRUS AND THE SEA HORSES, STORM AND IMP, TO BRING MORE THRILLS FROM BENEATH THE WAVES. WITH GUEST STARS, THE FLASH, THE GREEN LANTERN, HAWKMAN, THE ATOM, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE AND THE TEEN TITANS! BIG SPECIAL FEATURE: DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO DECODE SECRET MESSAGES—FIRST TIME EVER ON TV!
MOBY DICK AND THE MIGHTY MIGHTOR: 9:30-10 AM. WHAT ADVENTURE! SEE THE MIGHTIEST WHALE OF ALL, HIS CHUMS TOM, TUB, AND HIS SIDE-KICK SCOOBY THE SEAL AS THEY SINK THE OCEAN'S WRONGDOERS. THEN WATCH CAVE-BOY TOR TURN INTO THE MIGHTY MIGHTOR AND WITH NEW SUPER STRENGTH OUTFIGHT THE DEADLY PRE HISTORIC MONSTERS ALONG WITH TOG THE FLYING DRAGON!
THE HERCULOIDS: 11-11:30 AM. WHAT THRILLS! GREAT SHAKES, LOOK WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU, FIVE FABULOUS ANIMALS OF THE FUTURE—TUNDRO, IGOO, ZOK, GLOOP, GLEEP. THEIR JOB IS TO HELP ZANDOR, HIS WIFE TARA, AND THEIR SON DORNO PROTECT THEIR EXOTIC PLANET FROM INVADERS FROM OUTER SPACE!
JONNY QUEST: 12:30-1PM. WHAT MYSTERY! SCIENCE FICTION THRILLS AND SPILLS ARE ON THE WAY AS JONNY, HIS PAL HADJI AND PET DOG BANDIT USE THEIR SUPERIOR INTELLIGENCE TO TRAP THE WORLD S MOST EVIL MONSTERS.
SATURDAY'S SUPER HERO SCHEDULE ON CBS
8:00-9:00 AM CAPTAIN KANGAROO
9:00-9:30 AM FRANKENSTEIN JR. AND THE IMPOSSIBLES
9:30-10:00 AM THE HERCULOIDS
10:00-10:30 AM SHAZZAN!
10:30-11:00 AM SPACE GHOST
11:00-11:30 AM MOBY DICK AND THE MIGHTY MIGHTOR
11:30 AM-12:30 THE SUPERMAN-AQUAMAN HOUR OF ADVENTURE
12:30-1:00 PM JONNY QUEST
1:00-1:30 PM THE LONE RANGER
1:30-2:00 PM THE ROAD RUNNER
TEAR THIS OUT AND CARRY IT WITH YOU EVERYWHERE SO YOU'LL REMEMBER ALL OF SATURDAY'S SUPER HEROES ON CBS. ALL IN COLOR.

BATMAN'S HOT-LINE

DEAR EDITOR:

I was not overly impressed with the cover on the June *Detective Comics*. The colors were too bright and gay. *Batman* and *Robin* looked like they were being blown back by a windstorm.

Bob Kane's art for "Curious Case of the Crime-less Clues" was very good, I thought. Incidentally, I must commend you on that very catchy story-title. As for the story, it really wasn't too solid—being mostly rock 'em, sock 'em action, building up to that shock at the end. And, boy, what a shock! Alfred's sleepiness was leading up to something I simply couldn't figure out. It appears that some of Alfred's *"Outsider"* personality was still lurking within him. However, I don't agree with Bruce Wayne that it "will never trouble him again". Perhaps someday it will flare up again. And after a second time Alfred will probably have washed his subconscious clean of his agonizing experience as *Batman*'s and *Robin*'s most unique enemy.

The *Elongated Man*'s monthly mystery, "The Ship that Sank Twice," was very good indeed—due primarily to the fact that Irv Novick illustrated it. My only complaint is that Novick drew *EM* in *too* many stretched-out positions.

—Mark Dillman, Topeka, Kans.

("The Curious Case . . . " cover seemed to have had an equally *curious* effect on the readers who took the trouble to comment on the June *Detective*. No so-so comments—either vehement disapprovals or hearty endorsements. A couple of more typical appraisals follow the one above.*—Editor*)

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DEAR EDITOR:

How can I compete with them?! What I mean is how can *I* possibly get a letter printed in your pulsating publications when you have ace writers that sound like they are from the Columbia School of Journalism? Many of them *are* indeed in college (Irene Vartanoff—Wow!—How many times has she crashed into print! And then there's veteran Paul Seydor, who seems to know *Batman* better than Bob Kane!).

Well, I'll try. First, I'll start off with the cover. The artwork was great! Infantino and Anderson outdid themselves. The part of the cover that I particularly enjoyed was the shadows, with *Batman*'s really looking like a bat's. And *Robin*'s, well, I thought it would just fly away!

As for the cover story, it seemed odd the way Alfred was portrayed as being so sleepy. After a few pages it dawned on me that the *Gotham Goliath*'s gentleman's gentleman might be faking. Unfortunately, I didn't read *Detective* 356 and didn't know that the *Outsider* had taken over Alfred's body, so couldn't guess the surprising outcome. However, I was glad to see that besides being the "bad guy," Alfred was also the *Dynamic Duo*'s savior.

Two pages later I encountered a new Ralph and Sue Dibny. I say YES! Let's have more of Irv Novick's *EM* treatment. He draws the *Malleable Manhunter* like no one else does—catching him in all his rubbery glory!

—Alan Abbey, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(We're still sending up various guest artists to bat out the *Elongated Man*. We invite comments on the Gil Kane—Sid Greene version in this issue—and will anxiously await the verdict on *Neal Adams' EM* presentation coming up in the next issue.*—Editor*)

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DEAR EDITOR:

When I saw the cover of *Detective* 364 I really was elated. Here was an unknown menace perplexing the *Caped Crusader*. He isn't a super-hero, but a smart criminal mastermind who wants to match wits with *Batman* and *Robin*. The Infantino-Anderson art accented the cover's mysterious aura, with *Batman* surrounded by ghostly-like footprints that abruptly disappear in the middle of the ceiling! I was all primed for a tantalizing mystery tale.

Man oh man . . . was I in for a shock! I was expecting a real criminal mastermind—and what do I get? Alfred the Butler under a spell. *Sheesh!* All *Batman* did was to capture some criminals while Alfred yawned his way through the story. In any other circumstances it would have been a good story but when I'm primed for a *mystery* and I get a *comedy*, it's a bit of a letdown. The cover deserves an *Alley Award*, but the story itself belongs IN an alley!

—Terry Levin, Chicago, Ill.

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DEAR EDITOR:

Well, it seems that mean super-villains never die. You have brought back *Batman*'s most deadly "New Look" foe, the *Outsider*, only to have "killed" him off again. Having Alfred as a Jekyll-and-Hyde is a good idea as long as you don't use it too often and make it boring. When Alfred becomes the *Outsider*, he needs to put on a costume since he looks the least super-villainous of all your characters.

Now to discuss a problem that, unless solved, may spell doom for your *Caped Crusader*. It is inevitable, if you keep following the pattern you have set up, that *Dr. Light* will eventually battle *Batman*. The Doc's ambition is to knock off the Justice League one by one. To date, he has tried to kill *Atom*, *Green Lantern*, and *Flash*. Like *Zatanna*, he will probably only carry out his nefarious activities in the magazines you edit. The only thing *Batman* has going for him against such a powerful foe is his fast reflexes, which will enable him to move out of the way as soon as *Dr. Light* begins to pull the trigger on his weapon. May I suggest that *Batman* team up with a super-powered hero to take on the Doc?

Yes, I know that the *Outsider* could have killed *Batman* by much easier methods than the ones he chose, but he didn't because he wanted *Batman* to die in an out-of-the-ordinary, horrible way. *Dr. Light* isn't the type who toys with super-heroes—he tries to kill them off fast!

—Peter Sanderson, Jr., Milton, Mass.

(When and if *Dr. Light* attempts to make it "lights out" for *Batman*, you can be sure the *Caped Crusader* will go it alone—and despite his "heavy" odds against "Light," will manage to black-out the doctor's deadly designs against him.*—Editor*)

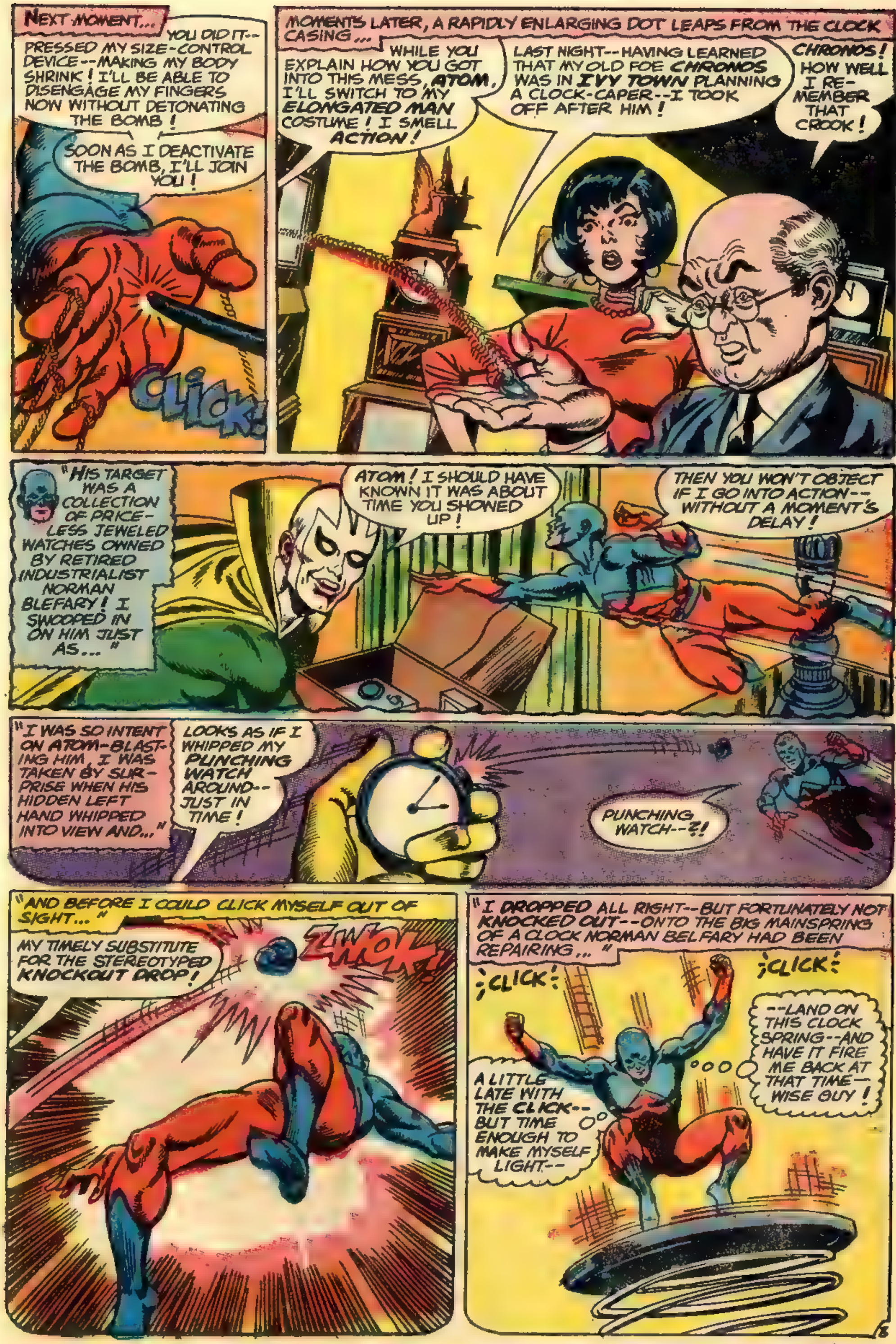
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AS RALPH DIBNY AND HIS WIFE SUE STEP INTO ANTON TELJAS' CLOCK STORE, SUE FINDS HERSELF FASCINATED BY AN OLD GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK...
MY WATCH CAN USE A CLEANING, MR. TELJAS...
OOOOH! I HAVEN'T HEARD THE CHIMES OF A GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK--IN YEARS!
THE CLOCK'S ABOUT TO CHIME THE HOUR--
BUT--SUE'S EYES AND EARS OPEN WIDE AS...
HELP! HELP! HELP!
WHA--WHAT KIND OF CLOCK IS THIS? IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO BONG, BONG, BONG--!
WHY SHOULD I GO BONG, BONG, BONG, WHEN I NEED HELP, HELP, HELP?!
R-R-RALPH! THIS GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK IS T-TALKING TO ME!
AH, THAT FAMOUS DIBNY NOSE! HOW IT TWITCHES--FLUTTERS--WAGGLES--AS...
A TALKING CLOCK? SUE, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
HELP! PLEASE GET ME OUT OF HERE--BUT WATCH THAT CLOCK DOOR! IT'LL CAUSE AN EXPLOSION IF IT'S OPENED!
BY GOLLY! IT'S TALKING, ALL RIGHT!
RALPH DIBNY--IS THAT YOU--THE ELONGATED MAN? WHAT A BREAK YOU'RE HERE--THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAFELY GET ME OUT OF THIS TRAP!
SECONDS LATER, BY ELONGATING HIS EYEBALLS...
I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED YOUR VOICE, ATOM!
LAST TIME I SAW YOU WAS IN JUSTICE LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS, WHEN ZATANNA'S MAGIC GATHERED US ALL TOGETHER!*
FOLLOW MY DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY, NOW! ONE FALSE MOVE AND YOU'LL SET OFF THE BOMB IN THIS CLOCK!
*JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #51: "Z AS IN ZATANNA AND ZERO HOUR!"
ELONGATING HIS FINGERS TO WIRE THINESS, THE STRETCHABLE SLEUTH SLITHERS AND SLIDES BETWEEN GEARS AND ESCAPEMENTS...
A LITTLE MORE TO THE LEFT, EM--HOLD IT! NOW RAISE IT ABOUT A HALF-INCH--
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NEXT MOMENT...
YOU DID IT--PRESSED MY SIZE-CONTROL DEVICE--MAKING MY BODY SHRINK! I'LL BE ABLE TO DISENGAGE MY FINGERS NOW WITHOUT DETONATING THE BOMB!
SOON AS I DEACTIVATE THE BOMB, I'LL JOIN YOU!
CLICK!
MOMENTS LATER, A RAPIDLY ENLARGING DOT LEAPS FROM THE CLOCK CASING...
WHILE YOU EXPLAIN HOW YOU GOT INTO THIS MESS, ATOM, I'LL SWITCH TO MY ELONGATED MAN COSTUME! I SMELL ACTION!
LAST NIGHT--HAVING LEARNED THAT MY OLD FOE CHRONOS WAS IN IVY TOWN PLANNING A CLOCK-CAPER--I TOOK OFF AFTER HIM!
CHRONOS! HOW WELL I RE-MEMBER THAT CROOK!
"HIS TARGET WAS A COLLECTION OF PRICE-LESS JEWELED WATCHES OWNED BY RETIRED INDUSTRIALIST NORMAN BLEFARY! I SWOOPED IN ON HIM JUST AS..."
ATOM! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP!
THEN YOU WON'T OBJECT IF I GO INTO ACTION--WITHOUT A MOMENT'S DELAY!
"I WAS SO INTENT ON ATOM-BLAST-ING HIM, I WAS TAKEN BY SUR-PRISE WHEN HIS HIDDEN LEFT HAND WHIPPED INTO VIEW AND..."
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¡CLICK!
¡CLICK!
A LITTLE LATE WITH THE CLICK--BUT TIME ENOUGH TO MAKE MYSELF LIGHT--
--LAND ON THIS CLOCK SPRING--AND HAVE IT FIRE ME BACK AT THAT TIME-WISE GUY!
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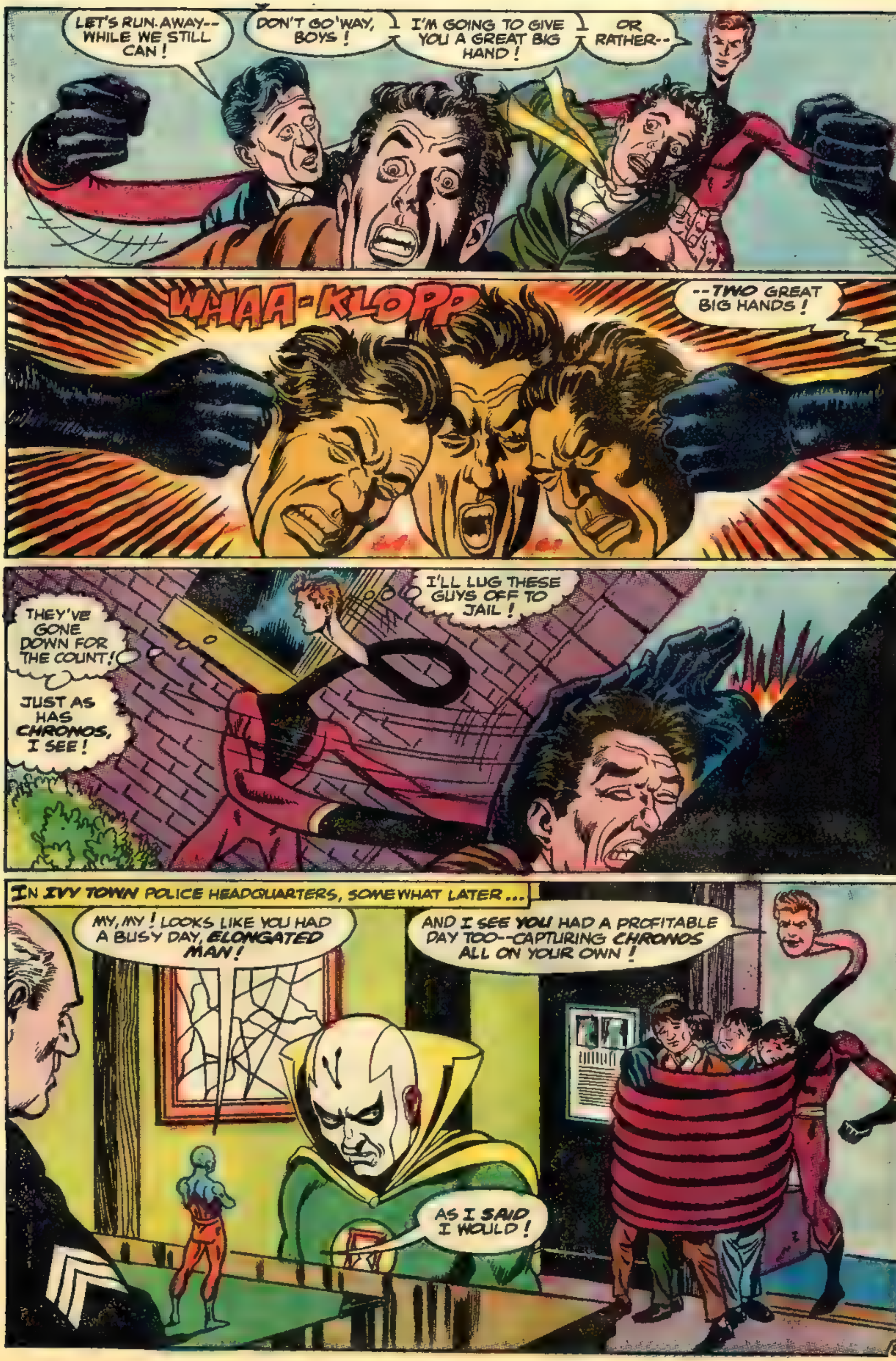
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JUST AS I HATE YOU, SO I HATE THAT MEDDLING CLOCK-MAKER, ANTON TELJAS--WHO HELPED YOU CAPTURE ME LAST TIME WE MET! *
I'M GOING TO SUBSTITUTE THIS CLOCK FOR A DUPLI-CATE ONE IN TELJAS' STORE! WHEN YOU BLOW UP--SO WILL HE!!
* ATOM #28: "THE TIME-STANDSTILL THEFTS!"
I'M DOSING YOU WITH A SLEEP GAS--TO KEEP YOU HELPLESS WHILE I MAKE THE SWITCH...
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AS THE WORLD'S SMALLEST SUPER-HERO CONCLUDES HIS NARRATIVE...
NOW WHAT, ATOM?
FIND CHRONOS AND BRING HIM TO JUSTICE, OF COURSE!
HOWEVER, SINCE I NEVER SAW THE OUTSIDE OF HIS LAB-ORATORY, FINDING HIM WON'T BE EASY--
I CAN HELP YOU THERE, ATOM!
AS YOU KNOW, IN MY NATIVE BUDAPEST I WAS A DETECTIVE AS WELL AS A CLOCK-MAKER! WHEN I OPENED MY CLOCK SHOP IN IVY TOWN I TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF INSERTING TINY RADIATION GADGETS INTO MY MOST VALUABLE TIME-PIECES SO I COULD TRACK THEM IF THEY WERE STOLEN!
A QUICK INVEN-TORY CHECK REVEALS CHRONOS COULD NOT RESIST STEAL-ING A RARE CANDLE CLOCK LAST NIGHT-- CONTAINING ONE OF MY TRACKING DEVICES!
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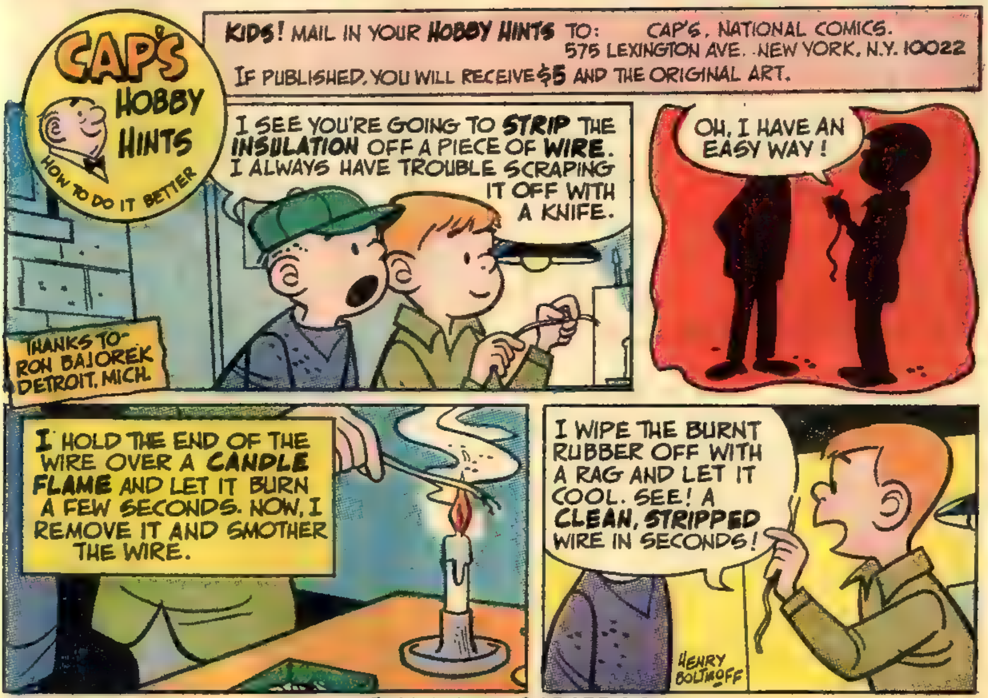


I EVEN MADE AN EXTRA COMPASS-WATCH ON A MINIATURIZED SCALE WITH YOU IN MY MIND, ATOM! TAKE IT AND LET THE RADIATIONS FROM MY CONCEALED GADGET GUIDE YOU TO CHRONOS!
THINGS ARE REALLY GOING MY WAY NOW, ANTON! THANKS!
AND THANKS TO YOU TOO, ELONGATED MAN-- FOR FREEING ME!
NOW--IT'S OFF TO SETTLE WITH CHRONOS!
NOT WITHOUT ME, ATOM! I'D LIKE TO BE IN ON THE FINISH OF THIS CASE--
CHRONOS IS MY PERSONAL PROBLEM, EM! I'D RATHER DO IT MYSELF, IF YOU DON'T MIND...
I REALLY SHOULD FOLLOW HIM--IN CASE HE GETS INTO TROUBLE AGAIN!
MR. TELJAS--DO YOU HAVE A REGULAR SIZED COMPASS CLOCK I CAN BORROW?
OH, NO YOU DON'T! YOU HEARD WHAT ATOM SAID--SO KEEP YOUR TWITCHY NOSE OUT OF HIS BUSINESS!
BUT, HONEY--I'M NOT GOING TO INTERFERE!
I'LL BE JUST A BYSTANDER--WATCHING A FELLOW SUPER-HERO IN ACTION!
WHAT CAN I DO WHEN HE GETS LIKE THIS, MR. TELJAS?
NOTHING, MRS. DIBNY! THESE SUPER-HEROES ARE A BREED APART FROM US ORDINARY MORTALS!
THE PREVIOUS NIGHT--UNKNOWN TO THE DUCTILE DETECTIVE OR TINY TITAN-- OR CHRONOS--A LOCAL GANGSTER HAD SPOTTED THE TIME THIEF RETURNING TO HIS HIDEAWAY...
CHRONOS--RETURNING FROM A JOB! I BET HE GOT AWAY WITH A RICH HAUL!
WHY DON'T I ROUND UP A FEW OF THE BOYS--ROB CHRONOS BLIND?
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THUS--AS THE ELONGATED MAN WATCHES THE AMAZING AERIAL ACROBATICS OF THE ATOM...
...FOUR GRIM GANSTERS MOVE QUIETLY TOWARD THE HIDE-OUT OF THE TIME THIEF...
WHAT'S THIS?
FOUR TOUGH-LOOKING CHARACTERS ABOUT TO BARGE IN ON CHRONOS? THIEVES ROBBING A THIEF...?
THEY'D GANG UP ON AN UNWARY ATOM TOO--SO HERE'S WHERE I PUT MY FOOT DOWN ON THEIR SKULDUGGERY!
BY THE TIME WE'RE THROUGH WITH YOU, ELONGATED MAN--YOU'LL BE LUCKY IF YOU CAN CRAWL AWAY FROM HERE!
YEOWW! MY ANKLE--!
GNNNGGG!
INCHY PINCHY! YOU TALK TOO MUCH!
THWAK!


LET'S RUN AWAY-- WHILE WE STILL CAN!
DON'T GO 'WAY, BOYS!
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A GREAT BIG HAND!
OR RATHER--
WHAA-KLOPP
--TWO GREAT BIG HANDS!
I'LL LUG THESE GUYS OFF TO JAIL!
THEY'VE GONE DOWN FOR THE COUNT!
JUST AS HAS CHRONOS, I SEE!
IN IVY TOWN POLICE HEADQUARTERS, SOMEWHAT LATER...
MY, MY! LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD A BUSY DAY, ELONGATED MAN!
AND I SEE YOU HAD A PROFITABLE DAY TOO--CAPTURING CHRONOS ALL ON YOUR OWN!
AS I SAID I WOULD!
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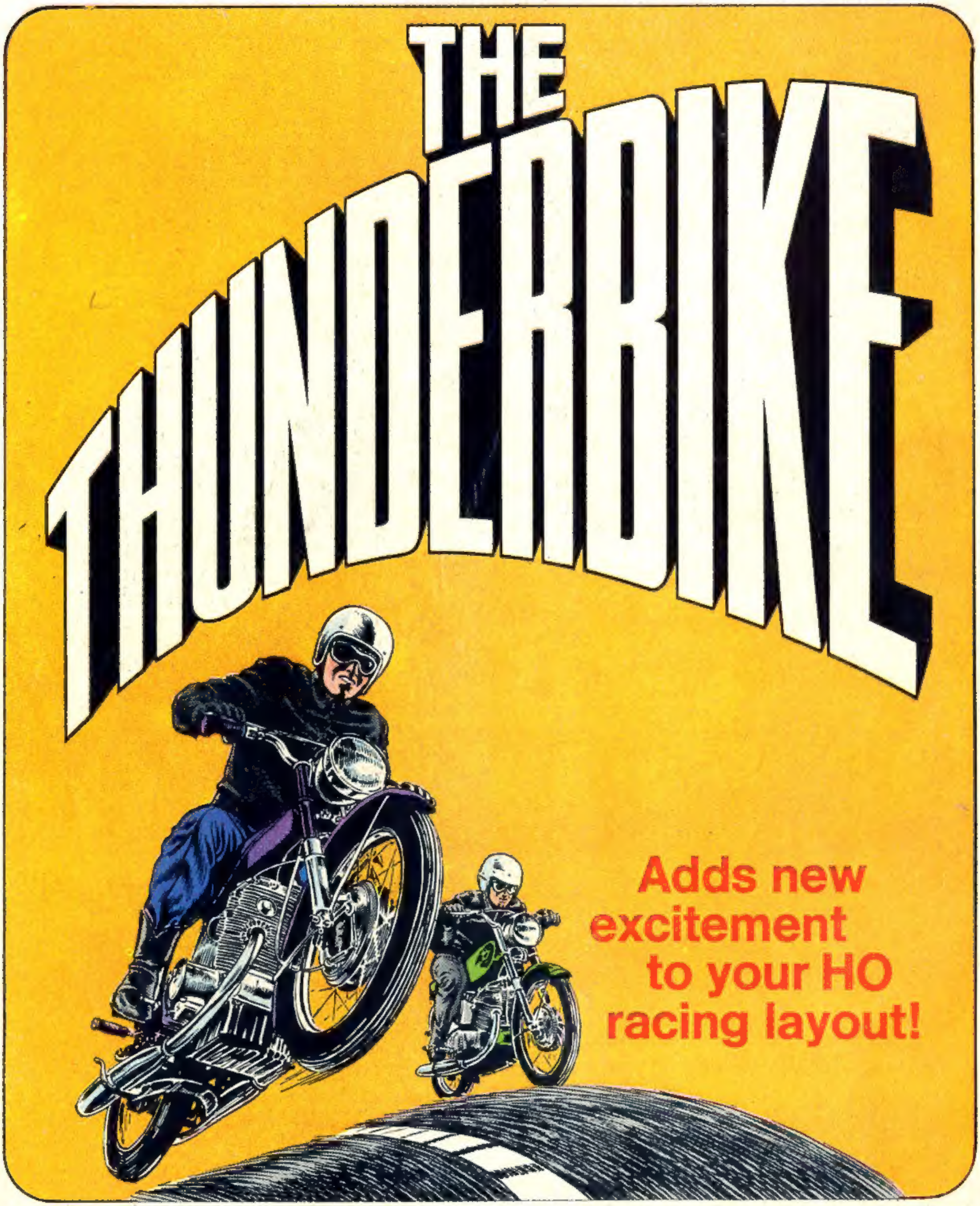
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